

Dear Friends,

Merry Christmas and welcome home! We are so glad to have you here during this holy season. Please know that this Cathedral is your Cathedral; it is a house of prayer for all people, and you are always welcome here.

The good news of great joy to be found during the Christmas season centers not only around gatherings of family and friends, but also in the proclamation of the marvelous work God is doing in the midst of human history. It is the season when we proclaim God's good news that we are loved so much that God became one of us in order to lift all of us up to God. It is the astounding news that the infinite God who created all things loves us, not by lording over us, but by humbling God's self to be born a helpless infant in a stable in Palestine. As Christians, all our hopes rest on this newborn baby—his life, his death, and his resurrection.

Whatever brings you to the Cathedral this Christmas season, please know that we gather to proclaim what many people would consider preposterous—that love is the strongest force in the universe. It is more powerful than all that divides us. It is more powerful than the greatest of rulers or the most powerful of armies. It is the force that formed the universe and the essence of the very God we gather to worship. In Jesus we believe that God's love is perfected, and because Jesus walked this earth as one of us, we believe that by God's grace, we can mold our lives on his.

Whether you regularly participate in our worshiping community or this is your first time in the Cathedral, we are honored to have you here. I have no doubt that God has brought you to this place for a reason, and I hope and pray that you will know the deep presence of God moving in your life. There is so much joy to be found in these Christmas celebrations, and as we journey together to meet the newborn babe in Bethlehem, may you feel the touch of God upon your heart. God has come among us, the world is forever changed, and love reigns supreme.

From all of us here at the Cathedral, have a joyous Christmas, a wonderful new year, and we hope to see you soon.

Blessings,

The Very Reverend Randolph Marshall Hollerith Dean, Washington National Cathedral



CHRISTMAS LESSONS & CAROLS

DECEMBER 23 & 24, 2019 • 6:00 PM

The people's responses are in **bold**.

CARILLON PRELUDE

| Novena di Natale Little Fife, The Flock and the Angel, The Manger, Gloria in excelsis | Nino Rota (1911-1979) |
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| Little Tyle, The Twock and the Angel, The Mangel, Gwila in excessis | |
| Once in royal David's city | <i>Irby</i> ; arr. Edward M. Nassor (b. 1957) |
| Winter from Almanac for Bells | Aaron David Miller (b. 1972) |
| God rest you merry, gentlemen | arr. Milford Myhre (b. 1931) |
| Introit for Christmas Eve | Ronald Barnes (1927-1997) |
| Ding dong! merrily on high | Jehan Tabourot (1519-1595); arr. E. M. Nassor |
| Paraphrase on "Gloria in excelsis" | Sjef van Balkolm (1922-2004) |
| Joy to the world! | Antioch; arr. Wendell Westcott (1911-2010) |
| Hark! the herald angels sing | Mendelssohn; arr. Albert C. Gerken (b. 1938) |
| Silent night | Stille Nacht; arr. Hans Hielscher (b. 1945) |

ORGAN PRELUDE

| Prelude and Fugue in A major, BWV 536 | Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750) |
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| Noël étranger | Louis-Claude Daquin (1694-1772) |
| Greensleeves | Richard Purvis (1913-1994) |
| Gelobet seist du, Jesu Christ, BuxWV 188 | Dieterich Buxtehude (1637-1707) |
| Partita on "Adeste fideles" | Charles Callahan (b. 1951) |
| Toccata on "God rest you merry, gentlemen" | Mark A. Miller (b. 1967) |

Once in royal David's city Irby

The people remain seated as the choir sings the first two stanzas. The people stand at the sound of the organ and join in singing.



THE ACCLAMATION OF THE NATIVITY

Officiant The people who walked in darkness

People have seen a great light.

Officiant For to us a child is born, to us a Son is given.

Officiant His name will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,

People the Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace.

Officiant Glory to God in the highest,

People and peace to God's people on earth.

THE BIDDING PRAYER

Dear People of God: In this Christmas Season, let it be our duty and delight to hear once more the message of the Angels, to go to Bethlehem and see the Son of God lying in a manger.

Let us hear and heed in Holy Scripture the story of God's loving purpose from the time of our rebellion against him until the glorious redemption brought to us by his holy Child Jesus, and let us make this Cathedral Church, dedicated to the Apostles Peter and Paul, glad with our carols of praise.

But first, let us pray for the needs of his whole world, for peace and justice on earth, for the unity and mission of the Church for which he died, and especially for his Church in our country and in this city of Washington.

And because he particularly loves them, let us remember in his name the poor and helpless, the cold, the hungry, and the oppressed, the sick and those who mourn, the lonely and unloved, the aged and little children, as well as all those who do not know and love the Lord Jesus Christ.

Finally, let us remember before God his pure and lowly Mother, and that whole multitude which no one can number, whose hope was in the Word made flesh, and with whom, in Jesus, we are one for evermore.

And now, to sum up all these petitions, let us pray in the words which Christ himself has taught us, saying:

Notre Père..., Padre nuestro..., Vater unser...,

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,

and the power, and the glory,

for ever and ever. Amen.

Officiant The Almighty God bless us with his grace; Christ give us the joys of everlasting life; and to the fellowship of the

citizens above, may the King of Angels bring us all.

People Amen.

The people are seated.

The First Lesson • Genesis 3:8-14

Adam and Eve rebel against God

They heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden. But the Lord God called to the man, and said to him, "Where are you?" He said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself." He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?" The man said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate." Then the Lord God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent tricked me, and I ate." The Lord God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this, cursed are you among all animals and among all wild creatures; upon your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life."

CAROL

Down in yon forest

arr. Andrew Carter (b. 1939)

Down in yon forest there stands a hall: The bells of Paradise I heard them ring: It's covered all over with purple and pall: And I love my Lord Jesus above anything.

At the bed's foot there grows a thorn:
The bells of Paradise I heard them ring:
Which ever blows blossom since he was born:
And I love my Lord Jesus above anything.

In that hall there stands a bed: The bells of Paradise I heard them ring: It's covered all over with scarlet so red: And I love my Lord Jesus above anything. Over that bed the moon shines bright: The bells of Paradise I heard them ring: Proclaiming our Savior was born this night: And I love my Lord Jesus above anything.

At the bedside there lies a stone: The bells of Paradise I heard them ring: Which the sweet Virgin Mary knelt upon: And I love my Lord Jesus above anything.

(Traditional English)

The Second Lesson • Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

The prophet foretells the coming of the Savior

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness on them light has shined. For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onwards and for evermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

CAROL

E'en so, Lord Jesus, quickly come

Peace be to you and grace from him

Who freed us from our sins,

Who loved us all and shed his blood

That we might saved be.

Sing holy, holy to our Lord,

The Lord, Almighty God,

Who was and is and is to come;

Sing holy, holy, Lord!

(Revelation 22, adapted by Ruth Manz, 1919-2008)

The people stand as able at the introduction to the hymn.

Paul Manz (1919-2009)

Rejoice in heaven, all ye that dwell therein,

Rejoice on earth, ye saints below,

For Christ is coming, is coming soon,

For Christ is coming soon!

E'en so, Lord Jesus, quickly come,

And night shall be no more;

They need no light, nor lamp, nor sun,

For Christ will be their All!





The people are seated.

The Third Lesson • Luke 1:18-23

The Archangel Gabriel announces to Zechariah that his wife Elizabeth will bear a son

Zechariah said to the angel, "How will I know that this is so? For I am an old man, and my wife is getting on in years." The angel replied, "I am Gabriel. I stand in the presence of God, and I have been sent to speak to you and to bring you this good news. But now, because you did not believe my words, which will be fulfilled in their time, you will become mute, unable to speak, until the day these things occur." Meanwhile, the people were waiting for Zechariah, and wondered at his delay in the sanctuary. When he did come out, he could not speak to them, and they realized that he had seen a vision in the sanctuary. He kept motioning to them and remained unable to speak. When his time of service was ended, he went to his home.

CAROL

I sing of a maiden

Patrick Hadley (1899-1973)

I sing of a maiden That is makeless; King of all kings To her son she ches.

He came all so still Where his mother was, As dew in April That falleth on the grass.

He came all so still To his mother's bower, As dew in April That falleth on the flower.

He came all so still Where his mother lay, As dew in April That falleth on the spray.

Mother and maiden Was never none but she: Well may such a lady God's mother be.

(15th century English)

The people stand as able at the introduction to the hymn.



The people are seated.

The Fourth Lesson • Matthew 1:18-23

The birth of Jesus

Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet: "Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel," which means, "God is with us."

CAROL

Ding dong! merrily on high

Ding dong! merrily on high In heaven the bells are ringing: Ding dong! verily the sky Is riven with angel singing.

Gloria, Hosanna in excelsis!

E'en so here below, below, Let steeple bells be swungen, And *io*, *io*, *io*, By priest and people sungen. Gloria, Hosanna in excelsis!

Pray you, dutifully prime Your matin chime, ye ringers; May you beautifully rime Your evetime song, ye singers.

Gloria, Hosanna in excelsis!

(George R. Woodward, 1848-1934)

16th century French; arr. Mack Wilberg (b. 1955)

THE FIFTH LESSON • LUKE 2:8-16

The angel brings good news to the shepherds

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!" When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger.

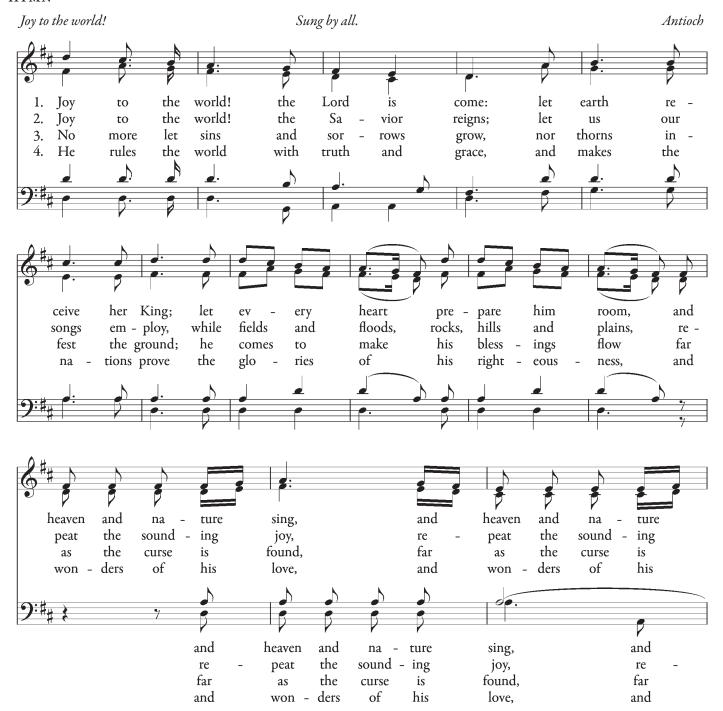
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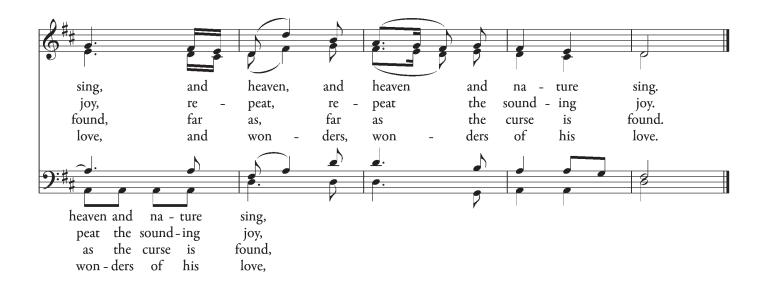
Glory hallelujah to the newborn King

Oh, glory hallelujah.
Who do you call that wonderful counselor?
Glory hallelujah to the newborn King.
Let me tell ya he was born in a manger.
He was born in Bethlehem,
the Son of the most high God.
Let me tell ya he's the King of all nations,
Savior and Lord of Lords;
and he reigns for ever and Jesus is his name.
Oh, glory hallelujah to the newborn King!

The people stand as able at the introduction to the hymn.

Negro spiritual, arr. Mark Butler (b. 1963)





The Sixth Lesson • John 1:1-14

The Great Mystery of the Incarnation

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

The people are seated at the invitation of the homilist.

HOMILY

The Reverend Canon Jan Naylor Cope (December 23)

The Right Reverend Mariann Edgar Budde (December 24)

THE OFFERTORY

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CAROL AT THE OFFERTORY

Nativity Carol

John Rutter (b. 1945)

Born in a stable so bare, Born so long ago; Born 'neath light of star He who loved us so.

who loved us so.

Far away, silent he lay,

Born today, your homage pay,

For Christ is born for aye,

Cradled by mother so fair, Tender her lullaby; Over her son so dear Angel hosts fill the sky.

Born on Christmas Day.

Refrain

Wise men from distant far land, Shepherds from starry hills Worship this babe so rare, Hearts with his warmth he fills.

Refrain

Love in that stable was born Into our hearts to flow; Innocent dreaming babe, Make me thy love to know.

Refrain

THE CANDLE LIGHTING

Officiant Christ has brought us out of darkness:

People to live in his marvelous light.

Officiant Jesus Christ is the light of the world: People a light no darkness can quench.

Officiant The shepherds kept watch by night,

People and your glory shone round about them.

Officiant The darkness is not dark to you, People the night is as bright as the day.

Officiant Let your light scatter the darkness, and fill your Church with your glory.

The people remain seated as their tapers are lighted from the Advent wreath. To pass the light, please hold lighted tapers upright and allow others to light their wicks from the flame.

CAROL AT THE CANDLE LIGHTING

Lux aurumque Eric Whitacre (b. 1970)

Sung in Latin.

Light

warm and heavy as pure gold and the angels sing softly to the newborn babe.

(Edward Esch, b. 1970; Latin translation Charles Anthony Silvestri, b. 1965)



THE CONCLUDING COLLECT

Officiant Almighty God, you have poured upon us the new light of your incarnate Word: Grant that this light, enkindled

in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the

unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

People Amen.

THE BLESSING

The blessing is offered, and the people respond, Amen.



Please gently extinguish your candles and upon exiting place used tapers in the baskets provided.

ORGAN POSTLUDE

Carillon-Sortie Henri Mulet (1878-1967)



A gift in celebration of Christ's birth is made to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for the William Carter and Maurine Stuart families.

CHRISTMAS DAY

FESTIVAL HOLY EUCHARIST 11:15 AM

ORGAN RECITAL

I:30 PM

Organists Thomas Sheehan and George Fergus play a Christmas recital of traditional and familiar holiday favorites on the Cathedral's Great Organ.

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High Altar: in memory of Hibbard G. James; Candelabra in the High Altar Sanctuary: in loving memory of Charles and Mary Russell Bounds; Canterbury Pulpit: in memory of George W. Guthrie; Stone Lectern: in loving memory of Marilyn Ehrlich and Nancy J. McKee; Altar in the Chapel of St. Mary the Virgin: in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Larz Anderson, and in loving memory of James H. Lewis and Betty Prater Lewis; Altar in the Chapel of the Holy Spirit: in memory of Ann Wilson; Altar in the Chapel of St. John: in thanksgiving for the Charles Ray Long family and friends; Norman Prince Tomb in the Chapel of St. John: in honor of Norman Prince; Altar in Children's Chapel: in memory of Wayne Evan Matejik; Christ Child Tree: in honor of Andrew, Kurt, and Stefan Moss, Jennifer and Robert Vettori, Jr., and Lydia Hynson, and in honor of The Great Mystery of the Incarnation; Altar in War Memorial Chapel: in memory of Margaret H. Howard; Dulin Bay: given in memory of and thanksgiving for Blanche Scott Dulin, Edward Milton Dulin, Sr., and Dr. William C. Dulin; Folger Bay: given in memory of J. Clifford Folger and Kathrine Dulin Folger; Altar in the Chapel of the Nativity: in honor of David, Michael, and Peter Lee; Angus Dun Font: in honor of Helen Barnard and in thanksgiving for her service to the Cathedral; Prince Tomb Crypt: in honor of Frederick Henry Prince and Abigail Norman Prince; Altar in the Chapel of the Resurrection: in thanksgiving for the Charles Ray Long family and friends; Altar in the Chapel of the Good Shepherd: in memory of Charlie Habanananda; Altar in the Chapel of St. Joseph of Arimathea: in loving memory of Favour H. Slater and Mary and Sherman Hazeltine; Columbarium Gates in the Chapel of St. Joseph of Arimathea: in memory of the Seferlis and Tidball families; Ushers' carnations: in memory of Lieutenant James Norbert Matthews.

COVER: The angel from the quatrefoil in the Epiphany window in Bethlehem Chapel. Designed by John W. Lisle; installed, 1912.

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